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May 4, 2006

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY
RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR CALFED WATER USE
EFFICIENCY AND WATER 2025 CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAMS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40,
ANTELOPE VALLEY:**

Adopt the enclosed Resolution to:

1. Authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to submit applications to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) for the CalFed Water Use Efficiency Grant Program and Water 2025 Challenge Grant Program.
2. Verify that the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (District), is capable of providing the funding and in-kind contributions as specified in the funding plans for the grant applications.
3. Direct the District to meet the Bureau's established deadlines for the grant programs if the project is selected for funding.
4. Support the District's proposal for the Smart Irrigation Controllers Project (Project).

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of this action is to authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to apply for grant funding from two grant programs administered by the Bureau in the amount of \$250,800 for the Project. The grant money will be used to purchase and install two weather stations in the City of Lancaster and replace 300 manually adjusted irrigation controllers with weather-sensitive irrigation controllers for the District's qualified customers. The Project is expected to reduce water consumption in the District by 150 acre-feet per year. The Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale, the Palmdale Water District, and the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency have sent letters of support to the Bureau for the Project.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by actively seeking grant funds to augment the County's funding sources. It also satisfies the goal of Service Excellence by improving water use efficiency for the District's service area.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. The two grant applications will be evaluated separately, and if both applications are recommended for funding, only one grant in the amount of up to \$250,800 will be awarded for the Project. The total estimated cost of the Project is \$526,900, which includes \$266,100 in required County matching funds. Funds for the Project are available in the District's proposed Fiscal Year 2006-07 General Fund (N63). The City of Lancaster will provide \$10,000 of in-kind services for the Project. Upon completion of the Project, the Bureau will reimburse the District for the approved grant amount.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The District is a public water system formed pursuant to Division 16 of the California Water Code and has the legal authority to enter into a grant contract with the Bureau under Section 55339 of the California Water Code. The enclosed Resolution, which is required by the Bureau, has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The authorization to submit grant applications does not require an environmental determination under the California Environmental Quality Act or an environmental assessment under National Environmental Policy Act. An environmental review and the appropriate environmental documentation, if required, will be completed and submitted to your Board for adoption prior to entering into any potential grant contracts for the Project.


IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Project will improve water use efficiency in the District and increase the District's water supplies to meet projected future demands.

CONCLUSION

Please return three adopted copies of this letter and six copies of the signed Resolution to Public Works, Waterworks and Sewer Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,


for DONALD L. WOLFE
Director of Public Works

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Enc.

cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40,
ANTELOPE VALLEY, AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATIONS TO THE
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR THE CALFED WATER USE EFFICIENCY
GRANT PROGRAM AND WATER 2025 CHALLENGE GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (District), adopted 2005 Integrated Urban Water Management Plan for the Antelope Valley identifies the need to implement projects and programs to improve the District's water use efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation's (Bureau) CalFed Water Use Efficiency Grant Program and Water 2025 Challenge Grant Program, provide funding for projects to improve water use efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility supports augmenting County funds with grant funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, acting as the governing body of the District, hereby:

1. Authorizes the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to submit applications to the Bureau for the CalFed Water Use Efficiency Grant Program and Water 2025 Challenge Grant Program; and
2. Verifies that the District is capable of providing the funding and in-kind contributions as specified in the funding plans for the grant applications; and
3. Directs the District to meet the Bureau's established deadlines for the grant programs if the project is selected for funding; and
4. Supports the District's proposal for the Smart Irrigation Controllers Project.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2006, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

SACHI A. HAMAI
Executive Officer of the
Board of Supervisors of
the County of Los Angeles

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

By  _____
Deputy